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HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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To: Pharmacists
All Prescribers
Nursing Home Administrators
Managed Care Organizations

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<http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/contact/prucontact.asp>
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Subject: Prescription Drug Program: Validation of Prescriber Identification Numbers

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Prescription drug claims require a valid prescriber identification number.

HRSA authorizes payment for prescription drug claims if one of the following identifiers is in the prescriber identification field:

- The prescriber's 9-digit Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number; or
- The prescriber's 7-digit individual DSHS provider number.

What is changing?

Effective June 5, 2006, when a provider submits a prescription drug claim to HRSA with a DEA number in the prescriber identification field, the Point of Sale (POS) system will validate that DEA number against the national DEA database.

If the DEA number submitted on the claim is not recognized, or is not valid for the date of fill, the claim will be denied and the POS system will display edit 56 - Non-matched prescriber ID.

How can prescribers help pharmacists avoid claim denials for invalid prescriber ID numbers?

Prescribers can provide the pharmacist with a valid DEA or DSHS individual provider number on the prescription.

How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing WaMedWeb at <https://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How can I get HRSA's provider issuances?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.